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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications & Energy  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

**Re: DTE 06-56 – Petition of Charter Fiberlink MA-CCO, LLC  
for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement**

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

In an effort to narrow further the issues in this proceeding, Verizon Massachusetts has revised its proposals for the parties' fiber meet amendment. The revision is reflected in the enclosed revised version of the fiber meet amendment submitted by the parties on September 12, 2006, that showed both parties' proposed language. Also enclosed is a redlined edition of the same document showing the changes from the September 12 amendment.

Verizon Massachusetts' proposed changes appear in Section 2.1 and 2.4 of the amendment regarding the utilization levels and financial assurances necessary for establishing a fiber meet arrangement. Verizon Massachusetts is reducing the utilization threshold from 70 percent of a DS3 to a little over one half of a DS3. Under Verizon Massachusetts' new proposed language, Verizon Massachusetts believes that the parties could immediately begin to establish a fiber meet arrangement in both LATAs in Massachusetts.

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Verizon Massachusetts' proposed changes also appear in Section 2.3 of the amendment and Section 2.1 of Exhibit A of the amendment. Verizon Massachusetts is withdrawing the distance limitations it had proposed for the fiber meet amendment. Verizon Massachusetts is also proposing new language to make clear that the parties would mutually agree on the location of fiber meet points, and the associated distances for installing new fiber optic cables. Verizon Massachusetts believes that its revised proposals resolve Charter's Issue No. 3.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Moore", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alexander W. Moore

cc: Carol Pieper, Arbitrator  
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